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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 16TH, 1904.

Recent rumours to the effect that the Chinese Government is coquetting with the idea of raising a further foreign loan, to tide it over immediate difficulties connected with the payment of the indemnities, must revive interest in the recent proposals of Sir ROBERT HART, and the prospects of any augmentation of revenue. On Sir ROBERT HART's scheme, so strongly opposed by the retrograde CHANG CHIN TUNG, we have already made considerable comment. Of the hopelessness of expecting any real reform to follow such excellent schemes, much more might be said. Never could the state of Denmark, even in HAMLET's time, have been so rotten as that of China, which ought to be a rich and smiling country with all its natural resources and all its patient, industrious people, but which is instead a land of chronic poverty and suffering, due entirely to the fact that a lot of conscienceless officials are batten on the miseries of their poorer brethren. If the cryptic New Testament saying, that to the rich man shall be given, and from the poor man taken away even that which he hath, has meaning anywhere, it is in China. Sir ROBERT HART talked of appointing "ten picked officials" to assist in inaugurating his administrative reform scheme. It would be difficult to see any advantage in ten picked from the all bad. They would in all probability be ten "pickers" instead, picking and stealing as usual from that which should go to the Government. It is not so long since that the Commissioner of Customs at Ichang, Mr. F. S. UNWIN, made a report which included an exposure of the abuses of

revenue collecting in China by native collectors. In the case of the Ching-chou Ch'ao Kuan, an institution under the Board of Works, the effect of allowing the Commissioner to control the collection of port dues on junks, and duties on timber, was an immediate increase of over twelve thousand taels, and in the following year (1903) an increase of twenty-five thousand taels over the average amount previously accounted for by the native staff. This does not necessarily mean that more had been collected, but that less, or rather no, "squeeze" had been deducted. At Shensi it was the same. When the dishonest native system was supplanted by the honest HART administration in 1902-3, Mr. C. C. STEINMANN, the Commissioner there, was able to report an immediate increase of thirty per cent. If it were not that the phrase "integrity of China" really implies "integrity of Europe," it would be the obvious duty of the foreigner, acting on the principle of the greatest good of the greatest number, to step in and purify China, only allowing the Chinese to resume charge of their national heritage when they have learned the lesson of pure government and got rid of the classes who at present make the masses suffer terrible impositions.

The German Mail of the 16th November was delivered in London on the 14th inst.

An Indian who died in the mauls at the New Supreme Court was officially reported yesterday as having died of plague.

Reuter says that the Fort Arthur garrison is despondent, fearing a massacre when the final assault takes place.

The first vocal rehearsal of "Revenge" by the Philharmonic Society takes place this (Friday) evening in the Theatre Royal.

Out of seventy-three vessels in Hongkong Harbour on the 15th inst. 43 were British, 14 German, five Norwegian, five American, two Chinese, one Japanese, two French, and one Italian.

This little joke may be enjoyed by some of our lady readers: A young lady, a native of Tyneside, recently went into a draper's shop in Newcastle and told the assistant she wanted a muff. "With pleasure, madame—what fur?" replied the assistant. "What fur? Why, for me hands, man; ye divint suppose aa want it for me feet, do ye?"

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One of the earlier works dealing with the struggle in the Far East will be Mr. T. COVEN'S "Russo-Japanese War," which Mr. Edward Arnold has in preparation. The author is familiar with the scenes of the principal conflicts on sea and land, and gives a comprehensive description of the topographical characteristics of both Korea and Manchuria. Mr. COVEN is a very able newspaper man, well known in Japan, China, and Korea.

The allegation of the London Express that Captain Clado, one of the four officers left behind by Admiral Rozhdestvensky, as responsible for the North Sea outrage, is not a sailor at all, but a soldier who happened to be the Admiral's guest, is sufficiently serious. If true, it would mean nothing but that the Russian Admiral treats the whole affair as a jest; and we understand that his action is so interpreted in St. Petersburg. It is a dangerous form of humour, and it may be provocative of something else than laughter if, during the progress of the Inquiry, the British nation should happen suddenly to see the point of the joke.

A visitor to one of our largest dockyards the other day was amused to notice a large board suspended over the side of one of our newest and largest ironclads, now approaching completion, upon which the following legend was inscribed: "Notice to Russian naval officers: This is not a fishing smack." Further on was a large destroyer which had been similarly decorated with the inscription: "A toothpick for the Russian navy." Everywhere in naval circles, at the back of the general indignation, the feeling is one of amused contempt, and the Russian navy has undoubtedly become an object of momentary ridicule with all ranks.

Mr. Samuel Turner, who has had a large experience of travel, exploration, and climbing in Siberia, gave an interesting lecture last month at Exeter Hall, in the course of which he described how he met General Kuropatkin, in Manchuria, reviewing 200,000 Russian troops just before the war. He described the General as a thick-set man of about 50, of medium height, black whiskered, and with clean-cut features. The lecturer was not surprised that the Russian Empire and Armies, in their hour of defeat, had full confidence in General Kuropatkin. He had one of the most difficult tasks ever allotted to one man. The Japan-Russia War might be described as "a war for the Open-door policy of the East," and the lecturer thought Great Britain, the United States, and Japan might have guaranteed that without this dreadful slaughter of lives. Every Open Door in the East, he reminded them, would benefit Japan more than ourselves. Russia, he believed, would in the end become a colossal Empire, and would develop the vast resources of Siberia. While he advised the English people to be loyal to Japan, he strongly recommended them not to quarrel with Russia.

The Globe says the Russian naval officers' explanation of the North Sea affair appears to divide itself into two heads. First, that it is quite easy to confuse trawlers and torpedo-boats at midnight (in fact, the English themselves have done so before), and secondly, that they are positive they did not confuse them.

A Chinese farmer from the New Territory who was travelling on a tram car near Causeway Bay yesterday, jumped off while the car was in motion. He fell on his head, and sustained injuries from which he succumbed shortly after admission to the Government Civil Hospital.

The German Club team to play in the match against the Hongkong Club on the 17th and 19th inst. consists of Messrs. F. Eberius, C. Koch, F. Nicolai, J. Mueller, A. Rombach, E. Vollbrecht, A. Thiesse, and J. Thun. The umpires will be Messrs. C. Mitchell, F. Lieb and Ch. Lammert; scorers, Messrs. H. Oldenburg and A. Nielsen; and accountant, Mr. I. E. Meyers.

The programme of music to be performed by the Band of the 114th Mahrattas on the New Parade Ground on Monday, beginning at 4 p.m., is as follows:—Roman March (transcription from an organ composition, Lefebvre Wely; Overture to "Rosamunde," Schubert; Chanson de Marin, Sir E. Elgar; Selection from "Rigoletto," Verdi; Offertoire (transcription from an organ composition, King Hall; Selection from "Der Frischhut," Weber.

An American report states that while the Baldwin airship was being dragged back on Nov. 2nd after its trial flight, it suddenly broke loose, dragging the ropes out of the reach of the attendants. Rising to a height of 700 ft., the airship sailed steadily away to the northward and soon disappeared. News was received the following day that the ship had come down on the banks of the Mississippi River, near Keokuk, Iowa, and that it had been secured, apparently uninjured, having travelled 150 miles.

A Peking letter states that certain gentry of Shansi province have petitioned the Shanpu for permission to establish a Department of Forestry in that province, to preserve as well as to extend the tree-bearing regions there, for which work it is proposed to engage a foreign expert, possibly from the Taiyuan Agricultural College. As there is also a vast extent of rich grass lands on the Shansi-Mongolia frontiers, outside the Great Wall, it is further proposed to stock them with cattle and horses, the latter specially with the object of furnishing cavalry remounts for the Imperial Army.

The Band of the German warship *Guertel* is announced to give another concert in the Theatre on the 22nd inst., the programme being as follows:—

PART I.  
Overture "Oberon" ..... Wagner  
Pilgrims Chorus "Tannhauser" ..... Wagner  
A Moments musicals "Coppelia" (Chorus) ..... Schmetzer  
b. Nocturne from the Suite "Coppelia" (Chorus) ..... Schmetzer  
Quartet "Delibes"  
Sigmund's Love Song "Walkure" ..... Wagner  
Introduction Act III. "Lohengrin" ..... Wagner  
PART II.  
Overture "Zauberflote" ..... Mozart  
Larghetto "Symphony II." ..... Beethoven  
a. Entr'acte "Mignon" ..... Strauss  
b. Ases death "Peer Gynt Suite" ..... Grieg  
(String-Quartet)  
Introduction and Chorus "Rienzi" ..... Wagner  
Introduction and Sailors' Chorus from "The Flying Dutchman" ..... Wagner

There is still a steady amount of business coming forward for the Far East, says the Times of November 11th, but war rates have not materially changed of late. Cargo to Japan which by no amount of expansion of the elastic term could be considered as contraband is being done at about 1 per cent. in first-class steamers. Higher rates are quoted for goods which might possibly come within the Russian definition of the term and according to the manner of shipment. It is quite likely that, as the Baltic Fleet gets further East, the tendency in rates will be to harden. Doubts are expressed whether the fleet will ever reach Far Eastern waters, but, in view of the fact that opinion was fairly united against the probability of its overleaving Europe, further scepticism might prove expensive.

When writing home about the Russian Camp at Kowloon Reuter's Hongkong correspondent said that King's Park was a beautiful spot on the Kowloon peninsula. The buildings were surrounded by a barbed wire fence six feet in height, and a British guard was to be mounted to prevent escape. There were four officers—one commander, two lieutenants, and one engineer—and 61 petty officers and men. The officers were to be allowed perfect freedom, but none of the men would be permitted to leave the enclosure unless in company with an officer or when marched out for exercise. Local military men had shown a very kindness to the refugees, and they were grateful for what had been done. While living on the shore, the men were landed every day and marched to Wong-nichong, Happy Valley, for exercise.

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. Iremonger and officers, the Band of the 33rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, this (Friday) evening:—  
March "The Lads of King Edward's Army" Jones  
Entr'acte ... Introduction 3rd Act "Lohengrin" Wagner  
Selection "The Silver Slipper" Leslie Stuart  
Polka "The Handy Man" ..... Cooté  
Waltz "Kitty Gray" ..... Monckton  
Selection "The Merry Widow" ..... Chopin  
Lancers "The Bells" ..... Bualossi  
Menuet "Hors d'Œuvre—Sliced Tomatoes, Cucumbers and Lettuce, Caviare on Toast. Soups—Chicken and Barley, Italian Pasta, Fish—Fried Fish. Entree—Roast Quail on Toast, Fricassee of Sheep's Head, Lobster Mayonnaise, Joint of Roast Mutton, Roast Pheasant, Cold York Ham, Curry—Chicken Liver. Salad—Cucumbers and Tomatoes. Vegetables—Boiled Potatoes, Lyonnaise Potatoes, Sweet Corn, Carrots. Sweets—Plum Pudding, Baked Apples, Strawberry Ice Cream, Finger Cakes.

## TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

MR. RAPHAEL BELLIOS.

LONDON, 15th Dec. 1.55 p.m.

Mr. Raphael Bellios has been adopted candidate for parliament for West Newington.

SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS.

LONDON, 28th November.

The Spanish Cabinet, forced by the Marquis de Pozo-Rubio in July, 1903, has resigned.

OBSOLETE ARTILLERY.

LONDON, 28th November.

The Times publishes a strong article to-day, denouncing our obsolete artillery.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

UNREST IN ST. PETERSBURG.

LONDON, 13th December.

In St. Petersburg yesterday, a crowd of students reassembled with the intention of renewing the recent disturbances, but they dispersed on the approach of the Police.

FRENCH POLITICS.

LONDON, 13th December.

In view of the Premier's resolve to introduce a new procedure against obstruction, the Deputies of the Opposition entered the House before the hour of meeting, smashed the desks, and the Ministerial chairs to atoms, and drove out the custodians with the legs of the tables, wounding four. In consequence of this it was impossible to hold the sitting.

## THE WAR.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

KUROPATKIN'S THREAT.

LONDON, 9th December.

The Temps reports that General Kuropatkin has declined to accept all responsibility for the Russian army unless the number of provision trains be greatly increased. It is stated that the Russian Government will find it impossible to send more than they are sending at present.

[BY COURTESY OF THE JAPANESE CONSUL.]

PORT ARTHUR IN EXTREMIS.

TOKYO, 14th December.

The commander of the naval artillery reports that the bombardment on the thirteenth was principally aimed at the arsenal and the torpedo-depot at Tigertail, and the ships and boats in that vicinity. The torpedo-depot was ablaze for one hour. Three ships were destroyed and one sunk, and several buildings were greatly damaged. The indirect bombardment of the Sevastopol, staying outside the harbour, was suspended owing to the bad weather which prevented observations.

Admiral Togo reports that the torpedo-boat flotilla twice attacked the Sevastopol on the night of the twelfth, and thrice on the night of the thirteenth. The result was uncertain. Each time they met the enemy's fierce fire one torpedo-boat was disabled, but all were towed back. Three received one shot each. Our total casualties were only three men wounded.

## DESTROYING THE NAVAL REMNANT AT PORT ARTHUR.

TOKYO, 15th December.

The commander of the third squadron reports that two torpedo-boat flotillas attacked the Sevastopol and the commissioned ship at 3.30 a.m. on the 14th during a heavy snow storm. One torpedo-boat is still missing but the rest returned in safety. On the morning of the 14th our observation station and the picketship reported that the Sevastopol's bow had sunk three feet. From 11.30 p.m. of the 14th to 3 a.m. on the 15th, six torpedo-boat flotillas—and special torpedo-boats incessantly attacked the Sevastopol, Otsuany and the commissioned ship. The details are not yet reported, but at 9 a.m. on the 15th the observation station reports that the Sevastopol's bow was further sunk, with the torpedo tube completely immersed.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

HOPE WANES IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, 13th December.

Admiral Rozhdestvensky, with twenty-one ships of the Baltic fleet, has arrived at Massamedes, a seaport of Angola, Portuguese West Africa.

The destruction of the Port Arthur Russian fleet, hitherto unknown except by a small circle, has created consternation in Russia, and Admiral Rozhdestvensky's mission is now regarded as foredoomed to disaster.

## THE MURDER CHARGES.

ACCUSED COMMITTED.

The three Europeans, Charles Smith, Erik Hogmann, and William Nason, again appeared yesterday before Mr. Gompertz to answer the charge of murdering the Chinese boatwoman Chan Yee, the girl Kwok Tui, and with attempting to murder the boy Kwok Sui, in the waters of the Colony on 27th November last. Mr. F. J. Badley, Captain Superintendent of Police, prosecuted.

The first witness called was Chong Kan, coxswain of Police Pinnace No. 5. Questioned as to whether he was out with P.C. 88 when the body of a naked Chinese woman was picked up, about two weeks ago, off Kallet Island, he replied in the affirmative. Asked what was then done with the body, he replied that it was put into a dead-box at the Wharf by some Sanitary Board coolies, and conveyed to the Police Station. The age of the deceased was between 30 and 40. He did not remember the exact date when the body was found, but believed it to be the 4th instant. He did not see the body identified.

Mr. Gompertz then said that on the evidence that had been adduced, he should commit the three defendants to the Criminal Sessions; but that he would hear any statements they might wish to make.

Charles Smith, after being cautioned in the customary manner, stated:—I arrived in Hongkong from Manila by the Zepher about two months ago. After being here about two weeks I met William Nason. He and I stayed together from that time until the 27th. I made a suggestion then to him that we should get a sampan, tie up the Chinese on board, and set them off on some island, and sail south. The suggestion met with immediate approval. We walked down the street, and got a third man—Hogmann. He was willing to go. That evening, at 8 o'clock, Nason and myself met Hogmann at the Sailors' Home. We had some difficulty in getting a boat. Finally, after getting one, we started across to the American ship. When we arrived halfway to the mainland on the other side, Nason started for the boy ahead, and Hogmann for the woman. I myself went for the children. I had some difficulty in keeping them quiet. I took the first one and put her down in the boat—the thirteen-year-old one. I then started back for the other one, the small one. She took fright and jumped overboard. I tried to grab her, but it was too late. The sampan was about to run into a large ship. I had to grab the tiller and head her inland. That is all I wish to say.

Erik Hogmann, through Mr. Lindblom (interpreter) said:—I tried to hear the woman overboard, but she either jumped or fell overboard herself. That is all I wish to say. [Hogmann expressed a wish to hear the statements made by Nason read over, as he had not understood them, and Mr. Gompertz saying he thought him entitled to hear them, they were accordingly translated to him.] William Nason, after being cautioned, stated:—After the boy I had been fighting with had jumped overboard I put out the light then before going aft. When I got aft I saw Smith chasing the small "kid." It had got up on the stern—right at the back, as far as it could get. Smith had just made a grab for it when it jumped overboard. Then I saw Hogmann holding the old woman, Smith taking the tiller. I put my handkerchief in the old woman's mouth then, and then went and sat in the well. The woman had begun to fight. She pushed Hogmann away from her, and jumped overboard. That is all I have to say.

The defendants were then asked whether they wished to call any witnesses, and, replying in the negative, were formally committed to take their trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

## WEDDING.

THOMAS CHARLES DOWNING—GERTRUDE MAUD MILTON.

Mr. Thomas Charles Downing, accountant of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China (eldest son of Mr. Thomas J. Downing, of Ickleton, Cambridgeshire), was yesterday, at 11 a.m. in St. John's Cathedral, married to Miss Gertrude Maud Milton, the only daughter of the late Mr. Francis Milton, of London. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. T. Johnson, chaplain of the Cathedral. Mr. H. G. C. Fisher, engineer of the Public Works Department, acted as best man. The wedding was a very quiet one. The newly-wedded couple left for Macao on their honeymoon in the afternoon.

## FRANCE AND JAPAN.

"INDO-CHINA AN ESSENTIALLY PRECARIOUS POSSESSION."

In the course of the debate on the Anglo-French Agreement in the French Chamber on the 8th ult. M. Delafosse said Indo-China was an essentially precarious possession, which would inevitably be lost to them one day, either by the action of China or by that of Japan. Everyone knew, moreover, that Japan had hesitated as to whether she should declare war on Russia or France.

M. Delafosse: Our policy in Indo-China is not a policy of conquest; China and Japan know that.

M. Jaures: That is a very grave statement to make, that Japan hesitated about declaring war on France.

M. Bignon: All the newspapers in Indo-China have reported the presence of Japanese spies in the colony.

M. Delafosse replied: I wished to point out that all the European possessions in the Far East are destined to disappear. The speaker then went on to emphasise the difficulty of defending such distant possessions. Morocco offered opportunities superior to those of Indo-China. The day would come when it would be able to furnish two or three Army Corps for the national defence. He concluded by expressing his wishes for a triple alliance between France, Great Britain, and Russia. He regarded such an alliance as the best means of assuring the peace of the world and maintaining the colonies in the Far East.

## H.E. THE GOVERNOR AND HIS BROTHERS.

The following extracts are taken from the Jewish World:—

The appointment of Mr. Robert Nathan as Private Secretary to the Viceroy of India is, apart from the high importance of the office, one of an extremely interesting nature, for it brings the fourth of a set of brothers, all of whom have done brilliantly, to the notice of the public in England. It is seldom indeed that four sons, three of them still comparatively young, make such marked notes as have these of the late M. Jonah Nathan. Perhaps the best known is Major Sir Matthew Nathan, who, at the age of 42, may be said to have had a remarkable career. Gazetted to the Royal Engineers, from the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich in 1880, his active connection with the corps lasted for 19 years, during which time he was on active service twice, in 1885 with the Nile Force for the relief of Gordon, and four years later with the Lushai Expedition. In 1895 he was selected as Secretary of the Colonial Defence Committee, and his services in this connection were recognised by the conferment of a C.M.G., enhanced to K.C.M.G. in 1902. After administering the Government of Sierra Leone in 1899, the following year he was appointed Governor of the Gold Coast, which position he retained for three years, at the end of which time he was none the worse in health for the long stay in the part of the world known as "the white man's grave." Sir Matthew was the first Jew appointed to a Colonial Governorship.

His brother in the sister branch of the scientific divisions of the Army was soon marked out for special advancement. He, too, graduated at the Royal Military Academy, which it may be explained to the lay mind, is the training college for cadets for the Royal Engineers and the Royal Artillery, the students for cavalry and the infantry receiving their tuition at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. Major F. L. Nathan entered the Royal Artillery in 1879 and in 1886 he passed the final examination of the Advanced Class of the Ordnance College and was appointed Captain Instructor of the Royal Labatory. Two years later he was made Second Assistant to the Deputy Governor of the Ordnance Factory, and four years after that was nominated to the onerous post of officer in charge of Danger Buildings at the Royal Gunpowder Factory, Waltham Abbey. This he retained for seven years, when he was made Assistant Superintendent of the Factory, and the next year promoted Superintendent. A third brother, the eldest, went to the law, and it might be supposed would be out of notice in England when stationed in the out-of-the-way West Indies. However, he, too, has made his mark. He was made a Magistrate in Jamaica in 1888; Judge of the Supreme Court, at Kingston in 1891; advanced to the Senior Puisne Judgeship of Trinidad in 1893; received the Attorney-Generalship of Trinidad and Tobago in 1898, and from the courtesy title of Hon. he was this year knighted and became Sir Nathaniel Nathan.

The fourth brother also found his lines cast abroad. Taking his degree of B.A. at St. Peter's College, he, a barrister, entered the Bengal Civil Service in 1883, serving as Assistant Magistrate and Collector, Settlement Officer, Joint Magistrate, and similar functions which are special to the great dependency. Subsequently he became Under Secretary to the Government of India in the Financial and Commercial Department. This was in 1895, and two years later he was transferred to the Home Department, and in 1900 made Magistrate and Collector. In 1902, Mr. Robert Nathan was Secretary to the Indian Universities Commission and now he reaches the high post of Private Secretary to the Viceroy. The power and responsibilities which are vested in that office can be easily realised when it is remembered that India is not governed on the Parliamentary system of England and that immense power is placed in the hands of the King's representative, who naturally finds his task much easier or more difficult by the staff with which he is surrounded, of which the Private Secretary is naturally one of the most important.

## THE FRENCH SQUADRON ENTER-TAINED.

The Times of Ceylon dated Nov. 29th had the following: The French squadron, which arrived in Colombo harbour on Sunday from Bombay, has been the recipient of a hearty welcome at every English port at which it has touched on its journey; and Britishers in the East are determined to let our French visitors know that the *entente cordiale* is as strong out here as it is at home. At Bombay the squadron was lavishly entertained, and not to be behind hand a proposal is on foot in Colombo to give a dinner to the French officers. Thursday, the birthday of Queen Alexandra, is the day mentioned, and additional significance would be given to the dinner if held on that happy occasion. The idea emanated from a naval officer, and the success of such a function only depends upon the number of residents who are willing to show their appreciation of what French friendship means to us.

On inquiry late this afternoon our reporter was informed by the Hon. the Colonial Secretary that he was about to send invitations to the officers of the French man-of-war now in harbour, and, if they were able to accept them, the dinner would take place on Thursday night, probably at the G. O. H. H.E. the Governor, who comes down for the meeting of the Legislative Council to-morrow, has promised to be present at the dinner, if it takes place, 15 or 20 military and naval men, and 30 or 40 planters and merchants.



## HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held yesterday afternoon, the members present being:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MATTHEW NATHAN, K.C.M.G.

HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL VILHJELM HATTON, C.B. (General Officer Commanding the Troops).

Hon. Mr. F. H. MAY, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Mr. L. A. M. JOHNSTON (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. A. W. BREWSTER (Registrar-General).

Hon. Mr. P. N. H. JONES (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Captain L. A. W. BARNES-LAWRENCE, R.N. (Harbour Master).

Hon. Sir C. P. CHATER, K.T., C.M.G.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. W. H. YUK.

Hon. Mr. W. J. GRESSON.

Hon. Mr. GEORGE STEWART.

Mr. S. B. C. ROSS (Clerk of Council).

## MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

## FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary—Sir, I have the honour to lay on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 54, 55 and 56, and move that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Hon. Colonial Treasurer—I beg to second the motion.

The motion was carried.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary—Sir, I beg to bring up the report of the Finance Committee, No. 13, and move its adoption.

The Hon. Colonial Treasurer—I beg to second the motion.

The motion was carried.

## PAPER.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary—Sir, I have the honour to lay on the table a paper being a report by Professor Thorpe, F.R.S., on his examination of samples of cheap spirits purchased in Hongkong. The origin of this report, Sir, is that in 1898 a Commission was appointed here to enquire into the question of alcoholic liquors, their soundness and otherwise. It was reported, among other things, as various analyses have shown, that these cheap liquors did not contain deleterious substances, and contained less fusel oil than genuine spirits. The report went on to say the evidence collected here showed that drunkenness was due rather to the quantity than to the quality of the liquor consumed. In spite of that report questions have from time to time arisen as to the quality of the liquor sold in public houses. To put the matter entirely at rest five samples of the cheapest quality of liquor sold in public houses frequented by soldiers, sailors, and people of that class, in the Colony, were obtained and sent home with the request that they might be analysed by the highest analytical authorities in the United Kingdom. This report is the result of that analysis and members will see that it entirely confirms previous analyses made by the Government Analyst of this Colony.

## QUESTIONS.

The Hon. Mr. SHEWAN asked the following questions, standing in his name:—(1) With regard to Buys and Lights, will the Government take into consideration the advisability of having the present fairway marked at night by Automatic Light Buys? (2) Are the present two small white lights in the Capehorn Pass adequate? (3) If not, what steps have the Government taken to replace them by better?

The Hon. Harbour Master—Your Excellency. The replies to the three questions put by the Hon. Member of the Chamber of Commerce are in order as follows:—

(1) Yes. (2) No. (3) A red light similar to that displayed by the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs at Amherst Point has been ordered for Ma Wan Island.

## ADJOURNMENT.

H. E. the GOVERNOR—The Council Meeting stands adjourned till after the conclusion of the meeting of the Finance Committee.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was then held, the Hon. Colonial Secretary presiding.

Financial Minute No. 54.—H. E. the Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$800 in aid of the vote Botanical and Afforestation Department, Other Charges, for Tree Planting.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary—This excess expenditure is due to the planting of trees and the removal of a nursery at Kowloon to make room for a building site.

The vote was agreed to.

Financial Minute No. 55.—H. E. the Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$1,000 in aid of the vote Miscellaneous Services for Coals for Offices.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary—This vote does not show any real excess in expenditure. The excess is over the approved estimates, but the estimates are under what they ought to have been, as there was a similar excess last year.

The vote was agreed to.

Financial Minute No. 56.—H. E. the Governor recommended the Council to vote a further sum of \$800 in aid of the vote Fire Brigade, Other Charges, for Repairs to Engines, Hose &c., and Gratuities.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary—This excess was due to the long period of intermittent water supply, and extra work by fire-engines.

The meeting of the Finance Committee was then adjourned, and the Council Meeting was resumed, H. E. the Governor taking the chair.

## REVIEWS.

*The Food of the Gods.* By H. G. Wells. London: Macmillan and Co. Ltd. Hongkong: Kelly & Walsh.

The new romance by Mr. Wells, which has appeared before in periodical form, is perhaps not so "convincing" as some of his other quasi-scientific stories, but it is of absorbing interest, all the same, and few readers will be willing to lay it down until they have discovered for themselves what became of the new race of forty-foot giants that Professor Redwood's Herakleopolis food produced. Nor will they easily forget the amazingly clever and sensational account of the war against the giant rats. Mr. Wells' attention to details makes the reader realise the stature of the new race, and their terrible powers, just as strongly as we once grasped the dimensions of the Drobodignians. Throughout it all there runs a vein of the fine humour, born of insight, to which Mr. Wells has treated us most noticeably in his novels. More than professors will appreciate the delightful description of the subtle restraints effected by our Cousins Jane. We are certain that the author was not responsible for the erroneous and unnecessary sub-title "How it came to Earth." A better ending, it seems to us, would have been found in the final extinction of the entrenched band at Sevastopol; but to enter into that here would spoil the enjoyment of numerous readers.

*Europe and the Far East.* By Sir Robert K. Douglas. Cambridge: University Press, 1904.

A marvel of compression and condensation. As a volume of a historical series, meant for students, this careful summary of Oriental history by such a well-known authority, scarcely needs to be recommended. The story of the relations of China and Japan with foreign Powers is very concisely set forth. Sir Robert Douglas makes some sensible observations with regard to the spelling of Chinese names. Reforms in this respect are gradually being imported into the Press by the leading journals, thus doing away with much needless confusion. Ancient history is soberly dealt with, and some unexpected results of missionary enterprise are enumerated. The mission of commerce is recognised, the educational effect of the first railways and telegraphs being noted. A tribute to the sensible efforts of Li Hung Chang, who did so much to lighten the darkness of his nationals, is not omitted. The volume, compact as it is, does not leave the student stranded at the point where history becomes most interesting. The capture of Port Arthur by the Japanese is recorded, and its subsequent history outlined. The Revolution in Japan has a special and valuable chapter by Dr. Prothero, the editor of the series.

*Body Building, or Man in the Making.* By Eugen Sandow. London: Gale & Polden, 2, Amen Corner, E.C. Price One Shilling.

This "how to become healthy and strong" book, written or compiled by a man who is healthy and strong, ought to be of great service. Some of the exercises are sensible, if not strictly new, and there are a good many ready means for developing special parts of the body which are not known to all. The book is very copiously illustrated. From a literary point of view we are scarcely expected to criticise it, or we should call attention to a few faults. One sample, from page 63, may suffice. The reader doing an exercise therein described is bidden to "completely empty the lungs of air." That is impossible. The maximum expiration possible leaves one-third, i.e. 100 residual air to 200 expired. The book seems to advertise a good many things, but perhaps that is what it is for.

*Politics for the Pocket, being the Perfect Politician's Complete Compendium of Fact and Fancy, by the Stewards of the Chiltern Hundreds and the Manor of Hempholme.* Price One Shilling, or nearly bound in red tape, £1.11s. 6d. London: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1904.

A most amusing political skit. A few quotations will best show its matter and methods. "If I had but known that parliamentarians were admitted into the House of Commons, England would not have had to wait so long for Army Reform." "Occasional inaccuracies may have crept into the text, for which the authors crave forgiveness." "Two and two make five—J. Chamberlain." "British workmen! You work too hard! You know you do! Your Trades Union says so! And yet Mr. Chamberlain says that Preference to the Colonies will mean more work for the British Workman! You won't like that, so don't lay so many bricks a day! Save some to throw at Mr. Chamberlain. . . . Bread is cheap to-day. Ask your baker, and he will tell you it is dirt cheap. What will it be under Mr. Chamberlain's tariff? Nobody knows! Act up to your principles like men and vote for cheap bread and no work!" "The head of the Government is known as the Prime Minister or Premier. In former times the Premier was unknown to the law of England. The introduction of motor-cars, however, has changed all this." "On deciding to take over the premier-ship, you should write a letter to the King signifying your intentions and enclosing a copy of your credentials from Mr. Chamberlain." "The Liberal policy was outlined by Adam Smith, but it is rather difficult to understand how the 'Smith' crept into the text. . . . a little work entitled 'Primer of Politics; or the Liberal policy in the Stone Age. Being reprints of the recent speeches of Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman.' "John Bull as he really is (limp calf) by Swift McNeil."

## THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the Twentieth Ordinary General Meeting, to be held at the Company's Registered Office, Alexandra Buildings, Des Vaux Road, on Friday, 23rd December, is as follows:—

Gentlemen,—We beg to lay before you the report and statement of accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1904.

The net profits for the twelve months, after paying charges and all running expenses and making provision for auditors' fees, amount to . . . . . \$46,239.91

To which has to be added the balance brought forward from last account . . . . . 4,233.58

And from this has to be deducted remuneration to general managers (5 per cent. on gross earnings) . . . \$ 4,640.07

Leaving available for appropriation \$ 45,833.42

Your general managers and consulting committee recommend that a dividend of 15 per share be paid to shareholders, absorbing \$13,750; that \$4,337.14 be written off stations and shelters; that \$20,000 be transferred to reserve fund, and the balance, viz. \$2,786.28 be carried to new profit and loss account.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

Messrs. R. K. Leigh and C. Evans and the Hon. C. W. Dickson having resigned, Messrs. J. Orange and J. Scott Harston and the Hon. W. J. Gresson were invited to fill the vacancies and accepted seats on the Board. In accordance with Rule 15 of the Company's Articles of Association, the present members, the Hon. W. J. Gresson, Mr. J. Orange and Mr. J. Scott Harston retire, but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

In the absence of Mr. W. H. Potts from the Colony, the accounts have been audited by Mr. F. Maitland and Mr. W. H. Gaskell. Mr. Potts and Mr. Gaskell offer themselves for re-election.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS AND SON, General Managers.

The accounts are as follows:—

BALANCE SHEET.

For the year ending 31st November, 1904.

Capital—1,250 shares of \$100 each, fully paid up . . . . . 125,000.00

Reserve fund . . . . . 30,000.00

Unclaimed dividends . . . . . 340.00

Land and general liabilities . . . . . 9,455.00

Mortgage B. L. No. 39 . . . . . 29,000.00

Profit and loss: Brought forward \$4,233.58

Profit and loss: For current year 46,239.91

50,523.49

Assets . . . . . \$ 50,523.49

Permanent way, concession and deed of grant as per last account . . . . . 125,000.00

Stations, Crown leaseholds and buildings (Inland Lots 1317, 1333, 1334, 1335, 1339, and B. L. lots 80 and 86) . . . . . 33,371.43

Rolling stock . . . . . 24,376.56

Furniture account . . . . . 125.00

Cash and stores in hand . . . . . 1,063.39

Accounts receivable . . . . . 616.55

Cash in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank . . . . . \$47,102.00

Cash at companies' orders in hand . . . . . 2,251.54

49,353.54

Profit and Loss Account.

Dr. To salaries and wages . . . . . 22,615.91

To maintenance and repairs . . . . . 3,334.53

To charges on stores . . . . . 1,250.00

To rates, Crown rent and fire insurance . . . . . 914.73

To godown and station rent . . . . . \$2,077.64

Less sundry rents received . . . . . 839.09

To office rent and clerks' salaries . . . . . 3,000.00

To balance . . . . . 50,523.49

807,081.00

By amount brought forward from last year . . . 4,233.58

By transfer fees . . . . . 2.00

By traffic receipts for the year to date . . . 91,749.31

By interest . . . . . 1,039.07

97,024.96

DEATH OF INSPECTOR WILLIAMSON

Early yesterday morning, at the Government Civil Hospital, the death occurred of Inspector James Williamson, until recently a familiar figure in our local police force. About a fortnight ago he was stricken by paralysis, and removed to the Hospital. The deceased was a native of the Shetland Islands, and was transferred to Hongkong from the Glasgow Police Force in 1885. He was a most popular officer, and had been in charge of Aberdeen Station. He leaves a widow and daughter, with numerous friends, to mourn his loss. The funeral takes place this afternoon.

UNION CHURCH LITERARY CLUB.

An amusing entertainment was given last evening at the Union Church Literary Club, in the guise of a trial by jury. The plaintiff, "Mr. Julius Amattity," took an action against "Mr. John Splatterdash Inklinger," proprietor and editor of the *Hongkong Daily Lyre*. The full cast of characters was as follows:—Judge, Mr. H. Hursthouse; Clerk of the Court, Mr. A. W. Maddaford; Counsel for the Plaintiff, Mr. C. H. Blason; Counsel for the Defendant, Mr. P. H. Tolok; Plaintiff, Mr. E. F. Aucty; Defendant, Mr. W. G. Humphreys; Assistant to Mr. Inklinger, Mr. T. E. Pearce; Miss Duw (alleged to be engaged to Plaintiff), Mr. W. E. Craig; Mrs. De-Pakita (friend of the Plaintiff), Miss Hickling; Chief Steward of the s.s. *Wreckum*, Mr. W. C. Barrett; Hang-Wo (furniture dealer), Mr. T. C. Gray; Mr. James Swindell (clerk to Messrs. Coddem and Bunkum), Mr. H. D. Bell; Clerk in the G. P. O., Mr. W. E. Leckie.

There was a lot of excellent feeling, carefully carried out in imitation of court proceedings, during which the advocates introduced jesting references to local topics. A very crowded audience thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings.

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"ongkong, 28th November, 1904."

## SIR R. DOUGLAS ON CHINA.

A meeting was held at the London Institution, Finsbury-circus, on 13th November, when Sir Robert K. Douglas, Keeper of Oriental Books and Manuscripts at the British Museum, gave an address on "The Present Condition and Probable Future of China."

SIR R. DOUGLAS, who explained that his topic was a wide one, briefly reviewed the circumstances which had, during the last century, moulded China's future. He remarked, in the course of his address, that it had always been a dream with the Chinese that the time would come, day or night, when they would be able to drive the foreigners, who were obliged to now as much as ever, into the sea. The recent Boxer outbreak was the latest attempt in this direction. When the Chinese had found themselves, by stress of circumstances, compelled to yield concessions on paper, they had always laid the flattering unction to their souls that it was only for a short time and that afterwards they would be rid of us for ever. The missionary clause in the treaty which followed the war of 1856 had, according to the Chinese authorities, worked infinite mischief. It had admitted into the country many men who, for want of training and tact, had outraged the religious feeling of the people. It unfortunately could not be denied that, instead of getting the very best material, the missionary societies had been obliged to put up with in some instances any one they could get. They had been compelled to take men who knew nothing of the religions of the people and who, in their blind zeal, condemned to eternal torments all those who were beyond the pale of Christianity. He should be the last to decry missionary work in China. By their teaching, and by their example, our missionaries had done, and were doing, a good and noble work in China, but instances had occurred of the absence of wise toleration, and the result had been outrages, violence, and murder. The Chinese affirmed that extra-territoriality virtually was held to exonerate foreigners from obedience to all forms of law, and urged that if it were abolished the missionaries would be more careful in their actions, and the present tension on the part of the officials and people being thus put an end to, would lead to an understanding which would take out of the situation the friction which now existed. The feeling which mainly embittered the hostility to Christians in the Boxer outbreak was that provoked by the knowledge that the reformers were closely associated with missionaries. Thus Christianity had become, in the eyes of the Chinese, a symbol of rebellion, and a great majority of the mandarins verily believed that the empire would have no rest so long as the missionaries were allowed a free hand to proselytize and preach. The Boxers had for the time being received their quietus, but the original position of affairs remained the same. To the men who rose in arms in 1898-1900 the existing state of things was as repugnant as it was then, and they were but biding their time until, by a turn of the wheel, fortune might put the opportunity and the necessary forces into their hands. So long as the Dowager Empress remained supreme, this attitude would be secretly encouraged in every possible way. She would receive the Legation ladies, and kiss them and make them presents, but she would be no more to be trusted than she was in 1900. All hope in her was vain. The only prospect of peace and progress in the future lay in the restoration of the Emperor to sovereignty and in the introduction of well-considered reforms. The Emperor had already tried his wings, and he knew, or ought to know, the causes of his failure. Let them hope that, when the time came that the Dowager Empress should cease from troubling, the Emperor would show a wise discretion in his choice of advisers and a more matured moderation in his advocacy of reforms.—*Times*.

## THE HON. R. SHEWAN AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

There is perhaps, says the *London and China Express*, room for opinion as to the methods adopted by Mr. Shewan in his all-round attack in the Legislative Council of Hongkong on Government and its ways. An occasional stir up in official circles does no harm, as old times will remember, was the case when Mr. Phipps Ryrie, "the Rupert of Debate," took the floor. But whilst this is advisable, the manner of Mr. Shewan's remarks will probably not commend themselves to a majority of the community. Criticism is good, but there is criticism and criticism. It must perforce come from the unofficial side, for the official element in Crown Colony Government is too frequently only a voting body for official schemes. If the criticism is honest it will have a considerable effect, and we are glad to see that Mr. Shewan spoke out, though the manner and method are not to be wholly commended. Unfortunately, also, the strictures refer to a past state more than to the present or future, and the new Governor, whose honest endeavours to really govern the Colony for its own benefit are well recognised, has to meet criticism that would and should have rightly fallen to the lot of his predecessor. For instance, the change of name from the time-honoured *Polder's Wharf* to *Blake Wharf* is an alteration that the annals of the Colony should never have been called on to chronicle. In pre-reclamation days the wharf and the adjacent clock tower were the most conspicuous objects from the harbour, and had it been necessary to sever the name of the deserving naval officer after whom it was designated, we should have preferred some name more associated with the real history of the Colony. That such are not wanting we have only to look down a list of former Governors of Hongkong. Other piers or places might have been selected if it was necessary for the *Blake régime* to be perpetuated in name.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 16th at 11.50 a.m. The barometer has risen generally, but a slight fall is indicated in Shanghai and to the northward of it.

Gradients are moderating upon the east coast of China and moderate to fresh N.E. monsoon will prevail in the Formosa Channel and in the northern part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Fresh E. to N.E. winds, cloudy, fair.

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## NOTICE.

**THE OFFICER COMMANDING ROYAL ARTILLERY** will not hold himself in any way responsible for any DEBTS contracted with tradespeople by the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Garrison Artillery in Hongkong. Neither will he assist in collecting money from men to pay any bills contracted in future.

G. R. H. NUGENT, Captain R. G. A., Adjutant Royal Artillery, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1904. [2914]

## WANTED.

**ENERGETIC CHINESE SALESMEN** for Interior China by a Well Established Firm, exceptionally lucrative terms offered to right men.

Address in Chinese or English to BOX 229, Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 16th December, 1904. [2915]

## THEATRE ROYAL

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WAGNER NIGHT.

THURSDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, AT 9 P.M.

B. Oling at the ROBINSON PIANO CO., LD.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1904. [2916]

**WO SHUN STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Wo Shun Steamboat Company, Limited, will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the Company, No. 138, Cross Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 22nd day of December, 1904, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when the subject of the resolution will be proposed.

Should the said resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting to be subsequently convened.

**RESOLUTION.**

"That the Capital of the Company be increased to \$1,000,000 by the creation of 900 New Shares of \$100 each."

Hongkong, 15th December, 1904. [2917]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**THE Undersigned has received instructions** to sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 17th DECEMBER, 1904, at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Queen's Road, a FINE ASSORTMENT OF JAPANESE CURIOS, comprising:—

RARE SATSUMA, FINE CLOISONNE, OLD BRONZES, IVORY CARVINGS, and BRASS INCENSE BURNER; HANDSOME EMBROIDERED and CUT VELVET SCREENS, KAKIMONOS, and PICTURES, IVORY INLAID PANELS, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary.

V. I. REMEDIOS, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1904. [2918]

## "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

**S.S. "BENARTY,"** FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

**CONSIGNEES** of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods undelivered after the 21st inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 28th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st inst., at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1904. [2919]

## SITUATION WANTED.

**YOUNG Gentleman** with the following qualifications requires situation:—BOOKKEEPING, INSURANCE and SHIPPING. Highest credentials and security if necessary.

Address—COMPETENCY, Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 16th December, 1904. [2919]

**THE SWATOW GRASS CLOTH SILK, and DRAWN THREAD WORK DEPARTMENT.**

Wholesale and retail quotations, particulars and samples, will be sent free on application to the above depot.

Swatow, 9th June, 1904. [2916]

## REGISTRATION

## OF

## TRADE MARKS IN CHINA.

Copies of the EXPERIMENTAL REGULATIONS may be obtained at the Daily Press Office.

Price 25 cents each. Cash with order.

Hongkong, 6th October, 1904.

## INTIMATIONS

## HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

**IT** is proposed to form a Band in connection with the Hongkong Volunteer Corps. The FIRST GENERAL MEETING will take place TO-DAY (FRIDAY), December 16th, at VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS. It is earnestly hoped that all those who play stringed or wind instruments and would care to join the band will attend this Meeting. Major PRITCHARD will take the Chair at 6 P.M.

Correspondence in connection with Membership should be addressed to—

Dr. A. F. FORSTER, Hongkong Volunteer Headquarters, Hongkong, 14th December, 1904. [2905]

## NAVY LEAGUE.

## HONGKONG BRANCH.

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Members and Associates of the Hongkong Branch of the Navy League will be held in the CITY HALL, on MONDAY, the 19th December, 1904, at 5.15 P.M. H. B. POLLOCK, Esq., K.C., in the Chair.

ARTHUR R. LOWE, Hon. Secretary, Navy League, Hongkong Branch, Hongkong, 10th December, 1904. [2908]

**THERE** is a Vacancy in the Government Civil Medical Department for an EUJOPEAN WARDMASTER. Salary, £2,110 a year rising by triennial increments of £20 to £2,150 a year, with uniform and free furnished bachelor's quarters.

Applications with certificates of character, &c., should be sent to the Principal Civil Medical Officer at the Government Civil Hospital, not later than noon of the 19th inst.

The Candidate selected must be under 35 years of age.

By Order, J. BELL, Superintendent, Government Civil Hospital, Hongkong, 10th December, 1904. [2909]

## WANTED.

**FOR** January, or earlier, a First-class HOUSE of Five or Six Rooms. Good Location. Willing to pay \$200 for suitable place.

Apply to—M., Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 2nd December, 1904. [2901]

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Apply—INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION, Hongkong, 13th December, 1904. [2900]

**THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

## NOTICE.

**DURING** the Temporary Absence of the Undersigned, Mr. A. R. WHELELEY has been appointed ACTING SECRETARY of the above Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JAMES WHITTALL, Secretary, Hongkong, 14th December, 1904. [2903]

## NOTICE.

**THE HONGKONG TRAMWAY ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED,** hereby gives notice that under Section 7 of Ordinance 10 of 1902, they intend to apply to His Excellency The Governor in Council for approval to construct and maintain a Sidewalk running 50 yards along the Public Street lying between Inland Lots 101 and 119 and junction to the lines in Yee Wo Street, and another to the lines in Causeway Bay Road.

For the Hongkong Tramway Electric Company, Limited, J. GRAY SCOTT, General Manager, Hongkong, 10th December, 1904. [2907]

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

**THE Undersigned will REMOVE** to their New Premises, Nos. 57, 58 and 59, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, on the 15th inst.

KWONG SANG & CO., Shiphandlers, &c., Hongkong, 6th December, 1904. [2901]

## COLD STORAGE.

**THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.,** have now 40,000 Cubic feet of Cold Storage available at East Point. Stores will be open at 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. daily, Sunday, excepted to receive and deliver perishable goods.

WM. FARLANE, Manager, Hongkong, 18th November, 1901. [75]

## FOR SALE.

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**A FIVE-ROOMED HOUSE** at the Peak. Also, a finely situated Croquet Ground near to above.

For particulars, apply to—TURNER & CO., Hongkong, 22nd October, 1904. [2904]

**ENGINES and BOILERS FOR SALE.**

**THE Undersigned have for Sale** on moderate terms 2 ENGINES and 8 BOILERS, as per an Old French Gunboat, in good working order, and fit for sea-going steamers. Intending purchasers will please arrange terms with the CHING HOP Shop, No. 133, Wing Lok Street, or the U WO TAI Shop, No. 110, Des Vaux Road West, or the CHOY LEE SHIP, No. 33, Wing Wo Street, Hongkong.

**THE TAI LEE COMPANY.**

Hongkong, 31st October, 1904. [2900]

## FOR SALE.

**ONE VERTICAL ENGINE** with Fly Wheel and Governor, one Cylinder 9 1/2 inches diameter by 8 inch stroke.

One VERTICAL ENGINE with Fly Wheel and Governor, one Cylinder 12 1/2 inches diameter by 13 inch stroke.

One VERTICAL ENGINE with Fly Wheel and Governor, two Cylinders 9 1/2 inches diameter by 12 inch stroke.

One HORIZONTAL ENGINE with Fly Wheel and Governor, one Cylinder 11 1/2 inches diameter by 36 inch stroke.

One HORIZONTAL ENGINE with Fly Wheel and Governor, one Cylinder 16 inches diameter by 30 inch stroke.

The above can be inspected, and all particulars obtained, upon application to the Manager, Kowloon Dock.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1904. [2908]

## AUCTIONS

## PUBLIC AUCTION

## FANCY GOODS, XMAS PRESENTS.

**THE Undersigned has received instructions** to sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 17th DECEMBER, 1904, at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street, FINE BRONZE FIGURES, GROUPS, INKSTANDS, PHOTO FRAMES, &c., &c.; FANCY GLASS VASES, BOWLS, ORNAMENTS, &c., &c.; SUNDRY FANCY AND PORCELAIN WARE, MIRRORS, TOILET SETS, ORNAMENTS, HAND BAGS, WORK BOXES, VASES, CENTRE-PIECES, &c., &c.; Also, A Selection of GRASSCLOTH DRAWN WORK, comprising:—CENTRE PIECES, BED SPREADS, TEA CLOTHS, DRESS LENGTHS, &c., &c.

On View from Friday, the 16th December.

TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer, Hongkong, 14th December, 1904. [2909]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS** of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 19th day of DECEMBER, 1904, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Causeway Bay, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

**PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.**

No. of Sale.	N. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square ft.	Annual Rent.
				N.	S.	E.	W.		
		Inland Lot No. 123.	Causeway Bay	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		\$
1				278	162	109' 6"	178	37,030	58 11

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS** of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 19th day of DECEMBER, 1904, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Yau-ma-tei, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

**PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.**

No. of Sub-Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square ft.	Annual Rent
		N.	S.	E.	W.		
ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		
Kowloon Inland Lot No. 123	Yau-ma-tei	420	457' 9"	267	184 200	145,150	1,832

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**THE Undersigned has received instructions** to sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st DECEMBER, 1904, at 2.45 P.M., at No. 2, BARROW TERRACE, Kowloon, A QUANTITY OF VERY VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Comprising:—HANDSOMELY CARVED TEAK SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED MIRROR and DINING WAGON and DINING CHAIRS to MATCH, TEAK EXTENSION DINING TABLE, TEAK OVERMANTLE with BEVELLED MIRROR, BRASS FENDERS, LAQUE CURTAINS, &c., &c.

FINE BRASS and BRASS MOUNTED DOUBLE BEDSTEAD, FINELY CARVED TEAK WARDROBE with GLASS DOORS, TEAK BUREAU with BEVELLED MIRROR, WASHSTANDS with TILE BACK, &c., &c.

BATHROOM and PANTRY REQUISITES.—The above Furniture has only been in use for Six Months.

On view from Monday, the 19th December.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer, Hongkong, 15th December, 1904. [2912]

## TO CLOSE ACCOUNTS.

In the Estate of J. H. BROOKE, Deceased.

**JNO. W. HALL** has received instructions from The Executors to sell by Public Auction at the Sales Rooms, No. 61, Main Street, Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 27th DECEMBER, 1904, at 2 P.M., as a going concern, "THE JAPAN HERALD," the leading evening and oldest newspaper in Japan, with all the plant, presses, type, office furniture, &c., &c.

For Further Particulars, apply to THE AUCTIONEER, Hongkong, 8th December, 1904. [2905]

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**ANOTHER PARCEL** of Messrs. R.A.P. HALL TUCK & SON'S XMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS of the Most Elaborate and Fancy Designs.

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H. RUTTONJEE, No. 5, D'Agulha Street, and 36 to 38, Elgin Road, Kowloon, Hongkong, 14th December, 1904. [2904]

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**ONE ROOM**, on the First Floor of Alexandra Buildings.

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## TO LET.

**A SUITE** of TWO ROOMS, on the Ground Floor of the Annex, suitable for Offices. For particulars apply to the Undersigned.

C. H. GRACE, Secretary, Hongkong, 4th June, 1904. [1417]

## TO LET.

**GODOWN** No. 3, New Praya, Kennedy Town.

Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD., Hongkong, 22nd November, 1904. [2725]

## TO LET.

**NO. 1, STEWART TERRACE**, the Peak. Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD., Hongkong, 28th March, 1904. [8]

## TO LET.

**NO. 1, RYAN TERRACE.**

A HOUSE in WONG-NEI-CHONG ROAD, facing Race-course. PLATS in MORETON TERRACE, facing the Polo Ground.

OFFICES in course of erection, CONNAUGHT ROAD (near BLAKE PIER).

GODOWNS; PRAYA EAST. Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD., Hongkong, 28th June, 1904. [75]

## TO LET.

**NOS. 19 & 21, SEYMOUR ROAD.**

Nos. 74, CAINE ROAD, GODOWNS Nos. 34A, 34B, 34C, Praya East Possession from 1st January, 1905.

Apply to—COMPTON'S DEPARTMENT, Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Hongkong, 1st December, 1904. [430]

## TO LET.

**A T East Point, a NEW BRICK-BUILT TWO STORED GODOWN** with Water Frontage.

Apply to—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Hongkong, 25th November, 1904. [2762]

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**THREE FIRST-CLASS SHOPS**, European Style, in Kowloon. Possession on or about 31st August, 1905. Moderate Rentals.

Apply to—HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LD., Hongkong, 21st June, 1904. [2150]

## TO LET.

**ONE LARGE GODOWN**, No. 112A, Praya East, Possession from 1st January, 1905.

Apply to—D. DOBAREE, King Edward Hotel, Hongkong, 25th December, 1904. [2751]

## TO LET.

**BANGOUR (PEAK).**

BEYRIE Unfurnished, to Let in about 2 months. Newly repaired, Painted and Colour-washed.

No. 7, BELLIOS TERRACE, 1st Row.

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Nos. 11 & 14, " 2nd Row.

BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, No. 14, 1st Floor.

BUNGALOW (Furnished), at New Territory, Kowloon, 4 Rooms, low rental.

Apply to—Linstead & Davis, Hongkong, 12th December, 1904. [2363]

## TO LET.

**THE whole of the SECOND FLOOR** of No. 34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (opposite the General Post Office). Rooms are light, spacious and well ventilated, 13 in number, beside Kitchen, Pantry, Bathrooms, and Servants' Quarters, &c., at a very moderate rent. Immediate Possession.

Apply to—WONG CHU SANG, Care of Yee Sang Fat & Co., 34, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 17th November, 1904. [2700]

## TO LET.

**OFFICE ROOMS** at Nos. 12 & 14, Queen's Road Central (Corner House); also GODOWNS at Back. Can be let separately or wholly. Rent moderate, cheaper if the whole is taken on a long lease.

Apply to—CHUNG SHUN KOO, 12 & 14, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 6th December, 1904. [2832]

## TO LET.

**A EUROPEAN HOUSE**, No. 158, Praya East, Four Rooms and Kitchen, Servants' Quarters, Bathrooms, Hot and Cold Water, Good Sea View.

Apply to—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Hongkong, 8th August, 1904. [1177]

## TO LET.

**3RD FLOOR**, suitable for Office.

Apply to—WING CHEONG, 35, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 3rd June, 1904. [27]

## TO LET UNFURNISHED.

**A DESIRABLE RESIDENCE** in MACAO, in excellent position and near Praya Grande; contains 12 Rooms.

For terms and particulars, apply to—SUPERINTENDENT, E. E. TELEGRAPH CO., Hongkong, 16th December, 1904. [2919]

## PUBLIC COMPANIES

## THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS CO., LD.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the TWENTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the Company in Alexandra Buildings, Des Vaux Road, on FRIDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1904, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to 23rd inst., both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 14th December, 1904. [2906]

**HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a Call of \$7.50 per Share has been made in respect of all Shares not fully paid up, and the said call is Payable on 2nd January, 1905, at the Registered Offices of the Company, Alexandra Buildings, Des Vaux Road, Hongkong.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 1st November, 1904. [2573]

## WEISMANN LTD.

34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.







## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

ANGHIN, German str., 1,001, F. J. Schaefer, 15th Dec.—Bangkok 7th Dec. Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.  
 DEVANOSSE, German str., 1,057, Gorkon, 14th Dec.—Bangkok 7th Dec. Rice.—Norddeutscher Lloyd.  
 DON OLA, British str., 2,820, M. N. English, 15th Dec.—New York 16th Sept. Case Oil.—Standard Oil Co.  
 FEICHING, Chinese str., 980, H. Spear, 14th Dec.—Shanghai 11th Dec. General.—Chinese.  
 HENRY BELCON, Norwegian str., 870, J. Larsen, 14th Dec.—Saign 10th Dec. Rice.—Order.  
 TITARTOS, German str., 1,578, F. Desler, 14th Dec.—Kutchinotou 9th Dec. Coal.—Siemens & Co.  
 W. RASO, British str., 1,127, Makin, 14th Dec.—Hankow 8th Dec. General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

## CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.  
 15th December.  
 Anshin, German str., for Shanghai.  
 Anshin, German str., for Surabaya.  
 Cigna, British str., for Surabaya.  
 Jager, Norwegian str., for Chinkiang.  
 Henry Belcon, Norwegian str., for Shanghai.

## DEPARTURES.

15th December.  
 LUGOS, German gunboat, for Canton 14th December.  
 ATLANTIC, American str., for Saigon.  
 BUNGO, German str., for Sandakan.  
 DUMBEA, French str., for Shanghai.  
 KOWLOON, German str., for Canton.  
 KUMSANG, British str., for Calcutta.  
 LOKAZI, American str., for Manila.  
 TAKSANG, British str., for Canton.  
 TSIKTAU, German str., for Bangkok.  
 VENGEANCE, British battleship, for Amoy.  
 WOSANG, British str., for Canton.

## VESSELS IN DOCK.

15th December.  
 ABERDEEN DOCKS.—Anchoraden.  
 KOWLOON DOCKS.—U.S.S. Falmouth, Agincourt, Huc, Indravelli, Vigilant, H.M.S. Robin, Saida, Altkor, H.M.S. Hunter.  
 COSTANTINOPOL DOCK.—

## VESSELS ON THE BERTH

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG."

Captain Passmore, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 16th inst., at 9 A.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1904. [2897]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.

PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"NUBIA."

Captain F. N. Tiliard, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay on SATURDAY, the 17th December, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's s.s. "Moldavia," 9500 tons, from Colombo. Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement), will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. "Arabia," due in London on the 29th January, 1905.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1904. [1]

FOR MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID.

THE Bucknall Line Steamship

"MANICA."

Captain Leslie, will be despatched for the above ports on MONDAY, the 19th inst., at Daylight.

For Freight, apply to

A. S. MIHARA, Agent.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1904. [2762]



AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR

FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT).

Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEEN, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to the BRAZILS, SOUTH AFRICA, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"GISELA."

Captain Damjanovich, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 29th inst., P.M.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.

Princes' Buildings.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1904. [13]

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS

in CHINA AND JAPAN for the above Line

are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in

SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with the

CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S fortnightly

service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from

CALCUTTA for CANTON every fortnight.

For Freight and further particulars, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897.

## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked K, nearest Hongkong H, midway between Hongkong and Kowloon M, and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf K.W., together with the number denoting the section.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's.

2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.

3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.

4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c. via PORTS OF CALL	NERIA	Brit. str.	—	F. N. Tiliard	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	BENLOMOND	Brit. str.	—	Clark	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	About 10th Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	DIOMED	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	MOYNE	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	HYSON	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 17th Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	PRIAM	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	MANICA	Brit. str.	—	—	NIPPON Yusen Kaisha	On 19th inst., at Daylight.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	CANDIA	Brit. str.	—	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 21st inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	TOKIN	Fr. str.	—	—	MESSEGERIES MARITIMES	On 27th inst., at 1 p.m.
BREMEN, via PORTS OF CALL	P. E. FRIEDRICH	Ger. str.	k.w.	E. Prehn	MELCHERS & CO.	On 21st inst., at Noon.
HAYRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	SENENAMBA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Jaburg	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st inst.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	ARMENIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Forst	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 1st Jan.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	C. F. F. LAEISZ	Ger. str.	k.w.	von Hoff	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th Jan.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	AMBERIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Porzelius	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 22nd Jan.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	SITHONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Hildebrandt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 27th Jan.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	ARADIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Förck	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th Feb.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	APALUSIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Filler	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st Feb.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	RHENANIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Behrens	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th Mar.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Lüning	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st Mar.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	GISELA	Aus. str.	—	Damjanovich	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 29th inst., P.M.
TRIESTE, &c. via SINGAPORE, &c.	NINGCHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	J. Riley	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 22nd inst.
GENOA, MARSEILLES, HAYRE & LIVERPOOL	HECTOR	Brit. str.	1 m.	Edmondson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th Jan.
NEW YORK, via PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	SHIMOSA	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LD.	About 28th inst.
NEW YORK, via PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	CLAYDALE	Brit. str.	—	—	SHAW, TOMES & CO.	About 30th inst.
NEW YORK, via PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	SENECA	Brit. str.	—	—	STANDARD OIL CO.	About 15th Jan.
YANCOOVER, via SHANGHAI, &c.	ATUKIAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 11th Jan.
YANCOOVER, via SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE via NAGASAKI, &c.	PELUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. G. Purington	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	On 23rd inst.
PORTLAND, OREGON	PLISIALES	Brit. str.	—	Wagner	PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	On 9th Jan., at Daylight.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	NICOMEDIA	Brit. str.	1 m.	Howie	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 26th inst.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	CHINGTU	Brit. str.	—	S. Barcham	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 27th inst.
MOJI & KOBE	JAYA	Brit. str.	—	C. D. Goldsmith, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 22nd inst.
MOJI & KOBE	TIENSIN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
SHANGHAI	CHANGFOA	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
SHANGHAI	WASHING	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	MAIA	Brit. str.	—	E. A. Peters	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 17th inst.
FOOCHOW, via SWATOW & AMOY	THUMPH	Jap. str.	—	A. Hansen	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 21st inst., at Daylight.
TAMUI, via SWATOW & AMOY	FRITHJOF	Jap. str.	—	H. A. Haraldsen	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 18th inst., at Daylight.
TAMUI, via SWATOW & AMOY	M. STRUVE	Jap. str.	—	T. Brandt	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 25th inst., at Daylight.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAIDONG	Brit. str.	2 l.	Passmore	DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO.	To-day, at 9 A.M.
MANILA & HONOLULU	TEXAN	Brit. str.	—	G. D. Morrison	DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO.	To-day.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	Wagell	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
MANILA	RUBI	Brit. str.	—	R. W. Almond	SHAW, TOMES & CO.	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
MANILA	TAMING	Brit. str.	1 m.	Pennestater	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst.
MANILA	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—	R. Rodger	SHAW, TOMES & CO.	On 24th inst., at 10 A.M.
MANILA	TREMONT	Brit. str.	—	T. W. Garlick	DODWELL & CO., LD.	About 28th inst.
MANILA	SUNGKIAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	Robinson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
CEBU & ILOILO	TIPIKAS	Dut. str.	—	—	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.

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## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

## SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES	Freight
SENEGAMBIA	HAYRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG	On 21st Dec.	Freight.
Capt. Jaburg	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)		
ARMENIA	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 1st Jan.	Freight.
Capt. Forst	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)		
C. F. F. LAEISZ	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 10th Jan.	Freight.
Capt. von Hoff	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)		
AMBERIA	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 22nd Jan.	Freight.
Capt. Porzelius	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)		
SITHONIA	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 27th Jan.	Freight.
Capt. Hildebrandt	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)		
ARADIA	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 7th Feb.	Freight.
Capt. Förck	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)		
ANDALUSIA	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 21st Feb.	Freight.
Capt. Filler	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)		
RHENANIA	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 7th Mar.	Freight & Passengers.
Capt. Behrens	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)		
SAMBIA	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 21st Mar.	Freight.
Capt. Lüning	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)		

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## REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICES BETWEEN

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## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

## SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMUI, via SWATOW	"FRITHJOF"	SUNDAY, 18th Dec., at Daylight.
FOOCHOW, via SWATOW	H. A. HARALDSEN	WEDNESDAY, 21st Dec., at Daylight.
AMOY	"TRIUMPH"	Dec., at Daylight.
TAMUI, via SWATOW	A. HANSEN	SUNDAY, 25th Dec., at Daylight.
AMOY	"M. STRUVE"	at Daylight.
	T. BRANDT	at Daylight.

On account of the present state of political affairs, all the Company's new steamers have been requisitioned for transport service, and the above-named chartered steamers have been secured instead for maintenance of the Company's coastal services. As soon as the state of affairs permit, the Company will resume running with its specially designed new steamers. For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office at No. 8 Des Voeux Road Central.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

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## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S

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R.M.S. "ATHENIAN"	3,882 Tons.
R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF CHINA"	6,000 Tons.
R.M.S. "TARTAR"	4,425 Tons.
R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF INDIA"	6,000 Tons.
R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF JAPAN"	6,000 Tons.
Hongkong to London, 1st Class	via St. Lawrence 200 via New York 262.
Intermediate on Steamers	£40.
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THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW "EMPEROR" STEAMSHIPS passing through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS and make connection with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE.

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The following chartered steamers will run at intervals of about 3 weeks—

STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
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S.S. "SOFALA"	Captain G. A. Shepherd.	
S.S. "INDRASHAMA"	Captain R. P. Craven.	
S.S. "INDRABELLI"	Captain S. Cullington.	
S.S. "COURTFIELD"	Captain J. W. Dawson.	
S.S. "SWANLEY"	Captain W. B. Steele.	
S.S. "CRANLEY"	Captain M. Robertson.	
S.S. "IKBAL"	Captain E. E. Cox.	
S.S. "ASCOT"	Captain E. S. Pearce.	
S.S. "INKUM"	Captain J. Rowley.	
S.S. "SKH"	Captain Geo. Brown.	
S.S. "SEALDA"		

For Freight, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,

AGENTS.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1904.

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## PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

## STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON, &c.	"NUBIA"	Noon, 17th Dec.	See Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI	"MALTA"	About 17th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and AMSTERDAM via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	"CANDIA"	About 21st Dec.	Freight only.
	H. E. Kiteat, R.N.R.		
MOJI and KOBE	"TIENSIN"	About 22nd Dec.	Freight only.
	C. D. Goldsmith, R.N.R.		
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE (Passing through the Inland Sea)	"JAYA"	About 27th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
	S. Barcham		

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1904.

## NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

BOSTON S. S. CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.







## POST OFFICE NOTICES

In future, the following will be the hours of clearance of Pillar Boxes in Kowloon.

Cosmo Hill Dock	8.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m.
Hong Kong Dock	9.15 a.m., 1.00 p.m.
Yan Ma Ti Police station	9.00 a.m., 1.00 p.m.
Gau Works	9.05 a.m., 1.05 p.m.
Cameron Road	8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 1.45 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

On Sundays there will be one clearance only.

The *Malta*, with the English mail of the 18th Nov., left Singapore on Sunday, the 11th inst., at 1 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 18th October.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Macao	Wingchao	Friday, 16th, 7.30 A.M.
Canton	Kanhai	Friday, 16th, 7.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hailong	Friday, 16th, 8.00 A.M.
Haiphong	Hanoi	Friday, 16th, 9.00 A.M.
Manila and Honolulu	Tecun	Friday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Huangshan	Friday, 16th, 1.45 P.M.
Mosby and Kobe	Changchow	Friday, 16th, 3.00 P.M.
Kobe and Yokohama	Craigearn	Friday, 16th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Waishing	Friday, 16th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Whangpo	Friday, 16th, 3.00 P.M.
Cebu and Iloilo	Sungking	Friday, 16th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Loonping	Friday, 16th, 3.00 P.M.
Canton	Tachan	Friday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
Namsoo	Hofu	Friday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
Sanbus	Wingchao	Saturday, 17th, 7.30 A.M.
Manila	Hankow	Saturday, 17th, 7.30 A.M.
Manila	Kuh	Saturday, 17th, 9.00 A.M.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO.

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## TO-DAY.

First General Meeting of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, Volunteer Headquarters.

Sale, Miscellaneous, Sales Rooms, Mr. G. P. Lamport, 2.30 p.m.

Sale, Japanese Curios, Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Remedios, 2.30 p.m.

## COMMERCIAL.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

ON LONDON	15th December
Telegraphic Transfer	111 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	111 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	111 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	111 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	111 1/2
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	111 1/2
ON PARIS	
Bank Bills, on demand	242
Credits, at 4 months' sight	245 1/2
ON GERMANY	
On demand	186 1/2
ON NEW YORK	
Bank Bills, on demand	46 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	47 1/2
ON BOMBAY	
Telegraphic Transfer	143 1/2
Bank, on demand	143 1/2
ON CALCUTTA	
Telegraphic Transfer	143 1/2
Bank, on demand	143 1/2
ON SHANGHAI	
Bank, at sight	71 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight	72 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA	
On demand	94 1/2
ON MANILA	
On demand	93 1/2
ON SINGAPORE	
On demand	113 1/2
ON BATAVIA	
On demand	113 1/2
ON HAIPHONG	
On demand	113 1/2
ON SAIGON	
On demand	113 1/2
ON BANGKOK	
On demand	60 1/2
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$10.30
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per face	\$54.30
BAB SILVER, per oz.	28

## OPIUM.

Quotations are—	Allow 1/2 net, to 1 catty.
Malwa New	\$1100 to \$1130 per picul
Malwa Old	\$1170 to \$1200
Malwa Older	\$1250 to \$1270
Malwa V. Old	\$1300 to \$1350
Parian fine quality	\$890 to —
Parian extra fine	\$900 to —
Patna New	\$1125 to — per chest
Patna Old	\$ — to —
Bombay New	\$1100 to —
Bombay Old	\$ — to —

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

**THE ENGLISH MAIL.**

The P. & O. steamer *Malta* left Singapore for this port on the 11th Dec. at 1 p.m., and is due here to-morrow about 2 p.m.

**THE GERMAN MAIL.**

The I.G.M. steamer *Prinz Eitel Friedrich* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 11th Dec. at 10 p.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 21st Dec.

The I.G.M. steamer *Reon* left Colombo on the 10th Dec., p.m., and may be expected here on Wednesday, the 21st Dec.

**THE AMERICAN MAIL.**

The P.M. steamer *Manchuria*, from San Francisco to the 19th Nov. via Honolulu, leaves Yokohama for this port on the 9th Dec., a.m., and is due here on the 18th Dec.

**THE CANADIAN MAIL.**

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Kobe at 5.30 a.m. on Wednesday, the 14th Dec., and left again at 11 a.m. same day via Nagasaki for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 6 p.m. on Saturday, the 17th Dec.

## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
<b>Banks—</b>		
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$715, L/don, £70 10s.
Nat'l. Bank of China	—	—
A. Shares	28	\$89, sellers
B. Shares	28	\$89, sellers
Four Shares	21	\$10, buyers
<b>Insurance—</b>		
Union	\$100	\$700, buyers
China Traders	—	—
North China	—	—
Yankee	—	—
Canton	—	—
Hongkong Fire	—	—
China Fire	—	—
Steamship Coys.—		
H. Canton and M.	\$10	\$20, sellers
Indo-China S. N.	\$15	\$19, sellers
China and Manila	—	—
Douglas Steamship	—	—
Star Ferry	—	—
Shell Transport & Trading Co.	—	—
Do. pref. shares	—	—
Refineries—		
China Sugar	\$100	\$230, sellers
Luzon Sugar	\$100	\$21, sellers
Mining—		
Charbonnages	£250	\$400, 18/10
Docks & Dock	—	—
U. & W. Dock	—	—
H. & K. Wharf & G.	—	—
New Amoy Dock	—	—
S.C.F. Ryd & Co., Ltd.	—	—
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land	\$100	\$149, sellers
Kowloon Land & B.	—	—
West Point Building	—	—
Hongkong Hotel	—	—
Hamphays E.	—	—
Shanghai Land	—	—
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo	—	—
International	—	—
Laou Kung Mow	—	—
Soychee	—	—
Hongkong	—	—
Companies—		
Alhambra, Ltd.	\$500	\$100, buyers
Bel's Asbestos E. A.	£25, 6d.	\$64, buyers
Campbell, Moore & Co.	—	—
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	—	—
China Prov. L. & M.	—	—
Dairy Farm	—	—
Geo. Kenwick & Co.	—	—
Green Island Cement	—	—
Hongkong Electric	—	—
H. & K. Gas	—	—
H. & K. Tramways	—	—
Hongkong Ice	—	—
Hongkong Rope	—	—
Ik. Steam Water	—	—
boat Co. Ltd.	—	—
Philippine Co., Ltd.	—	—
S. & H. Dyeing & C.	—	—
Co., Ltd.	—	—
S. China Morning Post	—	—
Tekran Planting Co.	—	—
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	—	—
Steam Laundry Co.	—	—
United Asbestos	—	—
Do.	—	—
Watkins, Ltd.	—	—
Watson & Co., A.S.	—	—
William Powell, Ltd.	—	—

## VERNON &amp; SMYTH, Brokers.

## HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

HIGH WATER.					LOW WATER.				
Day of Week.	Day of Month.	Mean Time.	Height.		Mean Time.	Height.			
		h. m.	ft.	in.		h. m.	ft.	in.	
Thurs	16	5 23	5	4	m	0 20	4	2	
Fri.	17	5 30	5	4	m	11 10	4	2	
		3 48	4	8	m	10 49	3	4	
Sat.	18	5 42	5	4	m	15 3	3	4	
		6 14	6	1	m	11 34	3	3	
Sun.	19	5 49	6	0	m	10 52	3	3	
		6 40	6	0	m	15 5	3	4	
Mon	20	7 50	4	6	m	1 50	2	5	
		7 11	7	1	m	0 02	2	5	
Tues.	21	8 40	4	7	m	2 21	1	3	
		7 44	4	6	m	1 58	3	3	
Wed.	22	8 25	4	7	m	3 3	1	2	
		8 25	7	0	m	2 3	1	2	

## HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hour.	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.15	30.24	30.15
Temperature	62	60	65
Humidity	36	63	56
Wind Direction	N	E	SE
" Force	1	1	1
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	—	—	—

## HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

## TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.	1904 1903
7.00 a.m.	—
7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m.	Every 10 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.	Every 10 minutes.
9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
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